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ABIDJAN BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
THRU: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--March 1987

I. GENERAL

A new wage scale, approved by headquarters, was implemented in March. It grants most FBN's a 5.6% increase and is retroactive to October 12, 1986. A few FBN's received slightly larger increases to keep their pay in line with State Department grades.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Developments in Chad again dominated the bureau's coverage efforts in March. Forces loyal to Chadian President Habre captured the key Libyan stronghold of Ouadi Doum on 22 March and then took control of Faya-Largeau, the last major Libyan base in the southern half of the contested northern sector. The Libyan-controlled clandestine Chadian station Radio Bardai termed the defeat at Faya-Largeau an "orderly tactical withdrawal." London Bureau is now filing Libyan media pickups from Radio Bardai since Abidjan's reception is frequently unmonitorable. Abidjan in turn is filing radio behavior and negative fyi's when appropriate to keep the BBC informed on our reception conditions.

2. Other noteworthy events during the month include an unsuccessful coup attempt against Sierra Leone President Joseph Momoh and major religious disturbances in Nigeria which resulted in numerous deaths and many arrests. President Babangida banned religious organizations at institutions of higher learning and numerous restrictions were put on public preaching and worship services.

B. Coverage

Ghana's external services resumed broadcasting on March 6 after an absence of several years. Preliminary checks indicate it is carrying mostly the same material as the domestic service with a bit more international news, primarily outside the West Africa area. The bureau continues to cover this station on a temporary basis pending a more systematic study of its potential.

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C. Technical

The bureau's engineering team completed installation of memory upgrade kits on our computers, raising their capacity to 640K. The bureau also took delivery of a new xerox machine. The old machine will be sold at auction by GSO. Also received were additional office and residential security devices for installation.

D. Lateral Services

On 9 March the bureau began taping the 8 p.m. Ivorian television news at the Ambassador's request. They are forwarded weekly for his perusal.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Chief departed on 15 March for Bureau Chief's Conference.
2. Monitors [redacted] received PSI's during the month.

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B. Building and Grounds

Residential security enhancements continued with the installation of more burglar alarm systems and the long-awaited safehaven security door for the senior editor's residence.

IV. VISITS

Ambassador Kux, as part of his program of follow-up visits to embassy installations, visited the bureau on 4 March.

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

[redacted] wife of the Deputy Chief, served as unofficial video-photographer and chronicler for an embassy outing to the village of Agban. Ambassador Kux and other members of the group were treated to lavish tribal dancing and ceremonies as well a feast of somewhat exotic local cuisine.

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Acting Chief, Abidjan Bureau

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Attachments:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau
Deputy Chief, London Bureau

Abidjan Bureau Production Report for March 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	172959
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	14670
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	502

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	8037.00 min.	23700.00 min.	113.00 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

BENIN

Cotonou Domestic Service in French	3730		
Parakou Domestic Service in French	0		
Cotonou EHUZU in French			0

BURKINA

Ouagadougou Domestic Service in French	3390		
Ouagadougou CARREFOUR AFRICAIN in French			0
Ouagadougou SIDWAYA in French			0

CAMEROON

Yaounde Domestic Service in English	1210		
Yaounde Domestic Service in French	290		
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in English			0
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in French			0

CAPE VERDE

Praia VOZ DI POVO in Portuguese			0
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Bangui Domestic Service in French	1180		
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
CHAD Ndjamena Domestic Service in French	20090		
CLANDESTINE (Clandestine) Bardai Chadian National Radio in French	8190		
CONGO Brazzaville Domestic Service in French	0		
Brazzaville BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN in French			0
Brazzaville ETUMBA in French			0
EQUATORIAL GUINEA Malabo Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
FRANCE Paris AFP in English		8550	
Paris AFP in French		15290	
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in French		0	
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in English		0	
Paris JEUNE AFRIQUE in French			5639
GABON Libreville Africa No. 1 in French	1230		
Libreville Domestic Service in French	0		
Libreville L'UNION in French			0
GHANA Accra Domestic Service in English	25710		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Accra GHANAIAN TIMES in English			0
Accra PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC in English			0
Accra WEEKLY MIRROR in English			0
Accra WEEKLY SPECTATOR in English			0
 GREAT BRITAIN			
London BBC in English	7830		
London WEST AFRICA in English			0
 GUINEA			
Conakry Domestic Service in French	3190		
Conakry HOROYA in French			0
 GUINEA-BISSAU			
Bissau NO PINTCHA in Portuguese			0
 IVORY COAST			
Abidjan Domestic Service in French	1390		
Abidjan Television Service in French	0		
Abidjan FRATERNITE HEBDO in French			2040
Abidjan FRATERNITE MATIN in French			1240
Abidjan INFORMATION in French			0
Abidjan IVOIRE DIMANCHE in French			170
 LIBERIA			
Monrovia Domestic Service in English	760		
Monrovia Radio ELWA in English	4110		
Monrovia NEW LIBERIAN in English			0

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MALI			
Bamako Domestic Service in French	4170		
Bamako L'ESSOR in French			0
MAURITANIA			
Nouakchott Domestic Service in French	710		
Nouakchott CHAAB in French			0
NIGER			
Niamey Domestic Service in French	3840		
Niamey LE SAHEL in French			0
Niamey SAHEL HEBDO in French			0
NIGERIA			
Lagos International Service in English	5070		
Lagos Domestic Service in English	21240		
Kaduna Domestic Service in English	4750		
Lagos NAN in English		5540	
Lagos DAILY TIMES in English			0
Lagos THE GUARDIAN in English			0
RWANDA			
Kigali Domestic Service in French	130		
SENEGAL			
Dakar Domestic Service in French	670		
DAKAR PANA in english		850	

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Dakar PANA in French		2050	
Dakar LE SOLEIL in French			0
SIERRA LEONE Freetown Domestic Service in English	270		0
Freetown DAILY MAIL in English			0
THE GAMBIA Banjul GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN in English			0
TOGO Lome International Service in French	0		
Lome Domestic Service in French	4030		
Lome LA NOUVELLE MARCHE in French			0
ZAIRE Kinshasa Domestic Service in French	1400		
Kinshasa AZAP in French		3010	
Kinshasa ELIMA in French			0